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SEC'S PRESS COMMENTS TO EFFECT THAT FREE ELECTIONS NOT
REPEAT NOT ONLY WAY TO REUNIFICATION HAVE CAUSED CONSTERNATION
POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE.

RASNER, CDU WHIP, CALLED TO SAY SECRETARY'S REMARKS RECD
WITH DISMAY AND CONCERN IN FACTION AND TO ASK WHAT CLARIFICATION
EMBASSY COULD GIVE. SIMILAR CONCERN ALSO EXPRESSED IN CON-
VERSATION WITH CDU/CSU DEPUTIES BARZEL AND WACHER WHO HAD
FIRST THOUGHT PRESS REPORTS INCORRECT BUT, ON CONFIRMATION,
SAID VERY HEART OF QUESTION IS THAT THERE IS NO REPEAT NO
ALTERNATIVE TO REUNIFICATION BY FREE ELECTIONS. BARZEL COMMENTED
SOFTNESS WHICH RECENTLY FEARED IN FEDREP, NOW SEEMS TO BE
ON US SIDE. CDU AND GOVT PRESS OFFICES ARE TAKING LINE THAT
THEY ARE UNDISTURBED, THAT US POSITION REMAINS SOLID, FED
GOVT HAD ALWAYS SAID FREE ELECTIONS ARE WAY TO REUNIFICATION
AND SEC HAD NOT REPEAT NOT PROPOSED OTHER APPROACH. HOWEVER,
CDU IS MUCH CONCERNED AND ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE ON FREE ELECTIONS
POINT SINCE IN FACTION MEETINGS THIS WEEK CHANCELLOR HAS
MARSHALLED HIS PARTY BEHIND POSITION THAT PEACE TREATY ONLY
POSSIBLE WITH GERMANY REUNIFIED BY FREE ELECTIONS. SPD PRESS
IS HAILING STATEMENT AS POSSIBLE TURNING POINT IN US POLICY.

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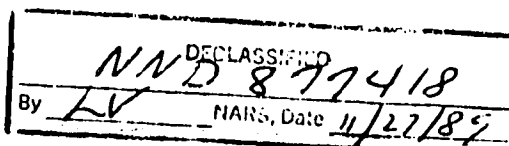
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